

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

MAC members present: Chair Betty Gosney, Jacqueline Cox, Lynda Gonzalez, Adrian McDaniel
Not Present: Eric Scott, Gregory Ware

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Gosney motioned to approve the January minutes. Jacqueline Cox was first and Lynda Gonzalez was second to approve the minutes.

STAFF REPORTS

California Highway Patrol – Officer Steve Robinson

Officer Robinson will look into adding a 4 way stop sign at Cedar & Hawthorn where children cross the street. He also announced there will be traffic enforcement on Cedar next week. Ms. Vasquez thanked Officer Robinson for bringing attention to the pot holes that developed from the winter rains, and stated that they were taken care of by the County Department of Public Works.

Sheriff's Department – Sgt Michael Mascetti

Sgt. Mascetti reported there are now 29 less deputies at the Fontana Station in comparison to last fiscal year. However, the public did not notice a decrease in service due to the scheduling of current officers who are now on a 3/12 schedule instead of a 4/10 schedule. Major crime was down 18%. Most of the reduction was in burglary and armed robbery. He reiterated that Bloomington is not seeing less man power on the streets. He stated that Lt. Tomlin has is now with another division and introduced Lt. Michael Newcombe as the new Lieutenant for the Fontana Station.

Field Representative -- Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez announced that the last Visioning meeting would be held on Thursday, February 3rd at the Luque Center in Colton. For those unable to attend the meetings, the online survey has been extended to February 6th and may be accessed by going to: www.sbcounty.gov/vision. Ms. Vasquez attended the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee which has several excellent programs. She handed out the new CA Veterans Resource Book to the 6 veterans in attendance. She provided flyers with information on free dental clinics for uninsured children ages 6 to 12 (Wednesday, February 9 from 1 until 5pm at the Bloomington Dental Clinic). Other times and locations were listed on the flyer. Also, she provided copies of an article from January 23, 2011 of the Press Enterprise, entitled "Remember veterans Valentine's Day." Ms. Vasquez read the PACE program report: There were 140 open cases. The initial response time varied according to the severity of the violation. Health & safety concerns get top priority. She announced the phone number for PACE (909) 884-4056. In Bloomington, the voluntary compliance rate was 62%, which meant over half of the 112 properties have come in compliance as a result of Code Enforcement's educational outreach and/or written citations. Forty (40) remain in an enforcement status. The cleanup event on November 13th was a success. Code Enforcement served 87 customers and took in a total of 23 tons of trash, tires, and e-waste. 14 properties were brought into compliance as result of this clean up event. The PACE staff removed 350 illegal signs, 230 waste tires, and 1.25 tons of debris from Bloomington and Muscoy roadsides. The next PACE project in Blooming has been scheduled to begin on March 1st. The next Bloomington Community Clean Up event has been tentatively scheduled in early April.

OLD BUSINESS

Slover Avenue Widening Project – Mazin Kasey, Deputy Director, Dept of Public Works

This \$2.7 million project will be executed in two phases. It has been funded by Measure I which is the ½ cent tax approved by county voters. The project will widen Slover Ave. (from 2 lanes to 4 lanes) from Tamarind Ave. to Cedar Ave. There will be new traffic signals at Laurel Ave. and Cedar Ave. Phase 1 – Easements should be attained by Fall 2011. Construction of Phase 1 has been scheduled to begin in the summer of 2012. Phase 2 – The construction start date for the 2nd phase has not been established; however, the environmental report and design have been completed. He also answered questions from the residents. There will be upcoming paving projects in the Bloomington area.

Rialto Commerce Center Project – MAC Member Adrian McDaniel

Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Scott participated in a meeting with City of Rialto officials and project consultants. They discussed how the project went from a proposed residential development to a proposed commercial development. The City expressed interest in working with the County and Bloomington residents to explore measures to mitigate potential impacts to the community. It was mutually agreed upon that future meetings and discussion will take place.

Mr. Soto suggested putting up “no truck traffic” signs so that trucks cannot enter residential areas. Some of the residents stated that they wanted to attend future meetings to present their concerns to the City of Rialto. Ms. Vasquez and Mr. McDaniel will coordinate setting up a meeting in the near future. A resident spoke about the incentives that Wal-Mart stores tend to receive in order to put small business out of business.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Medical Marijuana Facilities

Dena Smith, Deputy Executive Officer

Jim Squire, Assistant Director of Land Use Services

Ms. Smith provided an update regarding the proposed medical marijuana facilities ordinance. She noted that in June 2009, the County enacted an urgency ordinance (moratorium) which specifically stated that medical marijuana dispensaries were not allowed in the unincorporated areas of the county. The Land Use Services Department has been monitoring and tracking facilities. Currently there are sixteen (16) dispensaries operating in the unincorporated areas of the county, five (5) in the Bloomington area. Active enforcement protocol for those in violation of the urgency ordinance is 30 days to correct the 1st violation, followed by potential administrative citations. In response to residents' complaints, she encouraged them to call Code Enforcement regarding land use and/or code violations.

The County Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance affecting Medical Marijuana Facilities. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the County Government Center. Ms. Smith encouraged the residents to come and voice their opinion at the meeting. She also answered questions from the audience.

Action Items

Mr. McDaniel submitted a motion to authorize a letter supporting Planning staff's recommendation to approve the proposed medical marijuana facility ordinance. He asked that Ms. Vasquez prepare a letter to the Planning Commission for Ms. Gosney's signature on behalf of the Bloomington MAC. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Recognition of Bloomington Community Boosters

Ms. Vasquez presented certificates of recognition to the Volunteers on behalf of Supervisor Gonzales.

The volunteers were:

David Soto	Mary Helen Cox
Corine Soto	Jackie Cox
Viola Hopkins	Betty Gosney
Pete Hopkins	Eric Scott
June Las	Gregory Ware
Walt Las	Kenny Maynus
Kathleen Garner	Daniel Morrison
Paul Colquitt	Marla Hernandez
Vickky Ticktin	

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

Not present

MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Gonzalez thanked everyone for coming.

Ms. Cox also thanked everyone for coming. She stated she lost her best friend in an automobile accident and to make sure we tell our friends we love them.

Chair Gosney stated she will be at another meeting and will not be able to attend the next MAC meeting.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Code enforcement issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – March 1st , 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.